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6 7	V. MARATHON PETROLEUM CO., LP, MARINE TRANSPORTATION	DEFENDANT
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12	VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF	
13	ANTHONY "BLAKE" GINN	
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Page 6 bend at the back; do you see that or do you recall A Yeah, it was -- I mean, it was -- we knew it was 1 1 2 that? 2 going to rain. 3 A Yes. 3 No, I am not asking -- I'm asking what the Captain 4 Tell me about what you saw. 4 said to you. 5 A I seen him bend at the back to pick up the wire. 5 I don't remember exactly what was said. 6 I turned to look at the winch to make sure the dog 6 All right. Had Mr. Ruddell ever mentioned any 7 was out of it. And I looked back and he had 7 back pain or discomfort prior to August 2014? already had the wire up then and was handing it 8 8 Α 9 out to Dane over on the fleet. 9 Now, as I understand it, you helped Ryan carry his 10 Q What were the weather conditions at that time? 10 bags when he got off the boat the next day? 11 Α Raining. 11 Α Yes. 12 Q Was it very heavy rain? 12 0 And Dane helped also? It was pretty moderate. You could still see 13 13 Α Yes. 300 feet or so. 14 14 All right. I mean, do you know one way or the Q But when you described it to the HES professional, 15 15 other whether it was thunderstorming? 16 you said it was very heavy rain, didn't you? Look A It was just heavy rain. 16 What does "thunderstorm" mean to you? 17 at, I'm referencing, number 724. 17 A 724. Thunderstorm means lightening to me and thunder. 18 18 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: Hang on a 19 19 Q All right. Was this your first time to this minute. Okay. I'm handing Mr. Ginn Bates 2.0 20 fleet? 21 number 724. 21 Α Yes. Q Look at the paragraph number two, the third line Now, you kept your own personal log? 22 22 23 down. 23 Yeah. I -- just kind of notes, you know, kept of 24 -- so I keep track of the days. 24 (Witness reviews document) Page 7 Page 9 A Yeah, I read it. When did you fill -- I mean, do you usually fill 1 Q Do you see where it says "very heavy rain"? 2 it out at the end? A Yeah. I mean, it was moderate to pretty heavy 3 3 Yeah, most of the time at the end of the day. 4 rain. You could still see about 300 feet, you 4 And you've got for August 7th there, have you 5 know, about a barge length. 5 looked at that log or anything? 6 Q That's how you described it to him, is "very heavy 6 It's been a little while since I've seen it. 7 rain"? 7 Can you put 716 in front of the witness, please. 8 A Yeah. 8 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: Yes, it's in front of him. Q With limited visibility? 9 9 A Yeah. Three hundred feet of visibility. I've got it. 10 10 Α Q Now, at the beginning of the shift when you met in 11 11 For August twenty --12 the pilot house, did the Captain tell you 12 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: You cut out 13 "You guys have got to hurry. There is some bad 13 there, Dennis. 14 weather coming"? 14 A It was August what? The 27th. A No. 15 15 0 The 27th? 16 Q What did he say? 16 Α A I don't remember him saying anything about hurry. Yeah. 17 17 0 18 They never -- I've never heard a Captain or 18 Α What about it? anybody say "hurry" at Marathon. You wrote down "Ryan hurt his back at the steering 19 19 20 Q Well, what did you hear? 20 coupling," correct? 21 A We went up for a shift starter, went over 21 Right. 22 fleeting. Then we stretched and -- and then went 22 All right. When did he tell -- when did you learn -- went back down to the deck locker. 23 that. 23 24 Q But nothing was said about the weather? 24 A The next morning, I believe it was, or that next

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Q And it was a pretty heavy rain, though?

Page 10 Page 12 watch, that next day on the 28th when we smelled 1 Α Yeah. 1 2 that Bengay on him or whatever and went up and did And that was at the end of the --2 0 3 the acci -- the incident reports. I think that 3 At the end of the -was that first document you talked about on there 4 -- function? 5 that I got. Then I went back and wrote it down so 5 Α Yes. 6 I would remember what day he hurt his self on. 6 How long were you all out there doing the function 7 Q But you wrote about some stuff on the 28th also 7 of tying up the fleet at Lewis and Clark? 8 about it, right? 8 Thirty minutes. Α 9 A Right. That's when I filled out the accident 9 And did the rain stop kind of midway into that 10 10 11 Were there any wind gusts going on at around this 11 Α Yes. 12 time when you saw him bend down? 12 0 So the heavy rain was kind of at the end? 13 At the end, yeah. 13 A No. Α 14 MR. O'BRYAN: All right. That's 14 Did Ruddell handle any wires other than the one wire that he handed to the mate? 15 all I have. 15 EXAMINATION That's the only one I saw him handle. 16 16 17 BY MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: 17 Q All right. When you say that he bent from the waist, what do you mean by that? 18 Q Mr. Ginn, I have a couple of questions. 18 19 In connection with the last thing that was 19 A Without bending your knees, just bent straight mentioned, the calendar that you kept -over to -- to grab it. 20 2.0 21 A Right. 21 Q And why did that seem unusual or odd to you? -- that's not something required by the company, Because you always bend with your knees when you 22 22 23 that's just --23 are lifting something. 24 Q Is it a violation of the company's policy to bend 2.4 A No. Page 11 Page 13 Q -- something that you kept on your own? 1 like Mr. Ruddell did? Yes 2 A Right. 2 Α 3 Q At the time of the incident, you were what they 3 And that's because he is supposed to bend at his 4 call a red hat deckhand, is that true? 4 knees? 5 A Yes. 5 Α At his knees. 6 This was your first full-time trip on the line 6 Why do you bend at your knees instead of bend at 7 boat? 7 8 Right. 8 So you don't hurt your back. 9 All right. At any time when you and your crew 9 I think you were asked about the wind that day. 10 were out on the deck, was there any lightening? 10 But did you observe any wind conditions that were 11 -- that would affect your job performance at all? 11 Α 12 0 If you had seen lightening, did you have the 12 Α 13 discretion to immediately stop and come inside? 13 What would you judge the winds to be? Little wind 14 14 or no wind? Q Do all crew members have that option? A Very, very light, if any. The rain was just 15 15 16 A Everybody does, yes. 16 coming straight down. Q You said the rain was moderate. And I heard 17 All the times that you referred to, if you 17 referred to times, was that Eastern Time? 18 severe or more than moderate. I think heavy is 18 19 another term I heard. 19 20 Would you be able to give us your estimate 20 And you were asked about hurrying. On that day or about how many -- how much per hour? Would an that watch or anytime, were you all hurried in 21 21 22 inch an hour, would that be... 22 your job at all? A I would say that's a good estimate. 23 A I've never been hurried at Marathon. 23

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Was Mr. Ruddell hurried at all?

Page 14 Page 16 1 Q -- barge? 1 2 Did you all have communication devices on each of Α (Moved head up and down). 2 3 you? 3 The fitting where Mr. Ruddell would have handed 4 Yeah. Everybody has a radio. 4 the wire to Dane, how far approximately was that 5 And when you say "radio," do you mean a radio 5 from the wheelhouse? 6 that's fed with a microphone --6 Three hundred feet. 7 Yes. So it was at least one barge length? 7 0 Α 8 -- on your life jacket? 8 0 Yeah. Α And then there is a coupling there between the 9 9 Q Did Mr. Ruddell have one of those --10 first set of barges, the first tier of barges, and 10 11 Α Yes. 11 the second tier of barges, is that true? 12 0 -- as well? 12 Α What, now? Re -- ask it one more time. (Moved head up and down). 13 Where you all were working, at the head of the 13 14 And you communicated with whom with that radio? 14 first barge --15 The Captain. 15 Α Α And each other? -- and the stern of the second barge --16 16 Q 17 And each other, yeah. 17 Α Right. Yes. At anytime did Mr. Ruddell complain about anything 18 -- in that area called a coupling? 18 0 19 being wrong with the wire? 19 Α Are you aware of whether or not at the wheelhouse, 2.0 20 A No. 21 Was there anything wrong with the wire that 21 given the configuration of the barges, whether the Mr. Ruddell handed to the mate? 22 wheelhouse would have been able to see that 22 23 23 coupling in where people were working? You had worked with that wire? 24 MR. O'BRYAN: I'm going to object 24 Page 15 Page 17 A Yes. as to foundation. 1 2 Q Before this day? 2 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: Okay. I'll 3 Yes. 3 withdraw that question. 4 Q And days after this day? 4 BY MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: 5 Α Yes. 5 At anytime after this did it look to you like Mr. Ruddell was hurt? 6 Was there anything wrong with the wire at all? 6 0 7 A No. We would have changed it if there was. 7 8 Before Mr. Ruddell handed the eye of the wire to 8 Did you assist with carrying his luggage part way, 9 the mate, were you the one that had loosened the 9 at least, up the ramp? 10 winch? 10 Α Yes. A Yes. Had Mr. Ruddell carried it out to that point 11 11 0 before you all helped him out? 12 Q And you did that how? 12 13 Put the brake on, flipped the dog out, released 13 I don't remember. the brake. 14 Okay. Handling the luggage that Mr. Ruddell was 14 This wire had previously been laid already? 15 handling, did he look like he was hurt? 15 Q 16 A Yes. 16 Α 17 Q So how much wire had to be taken off in order to Did he move about as though he had a back injury? 17 0 18 re-lay it now, making up to the Lewis and Clark 18 Α 19 Did you participate in reporting the incident to 19 20 A Very, very little. 20 the Captain with Dane or not? 21 So after taking the dog off, the wire was loosened 21 Dane went up and talked to the Captain and then I 22 a little bit, and then it was made up to the Lewis 2.2 went up afterwards. and Clark --23 Okay. At anytime did Mr. Ruddell say anything in 23 A Yeah. 24 your presence or complain to you or talk to you or 24

Page 18 Page 20 did you hear from Mr. Ruddell any complaints that 1 Α 1 2 he had about the condition of the wire at all? And so all of you all were working without rain 2 0 3 4 Or lightening? 4 Α Right. 5 A No. 5 Was that customary out on the river in August in 6 Q Or working in adverse weather conditions at all? 6 St. Louis, even if it is raining to be working 7 7 without rain gear? Α 8 And did he ever say anything about any of those 8 A Yeah. It is too hot to wear it. 9 things over the radio? 9 Because the rain gear, obviously, is an extra set 10 10 of items on your body --Α 11 So he never communicated any of that to anyone, 11 Α Yeah. 12 to your knowledge? 12 0 -- so it naturally heats you up? A No, not to my knowledge. 13 Yeah, you just sweat like you are out in the rain. 13 14 Did he ever say anything to anyone about hurrying 14 0 So that's why most people don't even wear rain or being hurried at all? 15 15 Yes. Unless it is wintertime. 16 A No. 16 Α 17 Q And even when you talked to him later about the 17 In any event, it was available if somebody wanted incident in the presence of the Captain, did he to use it? 18 18 19 ever talk about being hurried or anything like 19 Δ Yes And because it was available, that doesn't mean 20 that? 20 A No. 21 21 you necessarily have to use it, it just means it Q During the time that you all were doing what you 22 is there in case it were to be cold or you were 22 23 were doing out on the tow, were you always within 23 north you could use it? 10 or 15 feet of Mr. Ruddell and Dane? 24 24 A Yes. Page 19 Page 21 Did anybody from Lewis and Clark, the fleet You all were all working in close proximity to one 2 company there, did they ever indicate that there 3 3 were any adverse weather conditions that would another? 4 A Yes 4 cause anybody any concern? 5 Were you all working with people from Lewis and 5 Α No. 6 Clark as well? 6 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: That's all I 7 A Yes. 7 have. 8 They were doing tow work out there with you all? 8 RE-EXAMINATION 9 9 BY MR. O'BRYAN: Α 10 Were you all working, doing the same jobs, 10 Can you put 724 in front of the witness, please. basically? 11 11 Α I got it. 12 A Yes. 12 Okay. So you were interviewed by this Pat Kouns 13 So they were assisting in making the barges up to 13 guy from the office -the Lewis and Clark fleet? 14 14 Α Right. -- correct? 15 15 Q 16 They were working in the same exact conditions you 16 Α (Moved head up and down). 17 17 And at that time you described the condition as all were? 18 Α Yes. 18 very heavy rain at the time of the alleged Were they wearing rain gear? 19 incident, isn't that correct? 19 20 20 A Right. 21 Was there rain gear available for everybody if you 21 MR. O'BRYAN: Okay. I have no 22 all wanted to use it? 22 further questions. 23 MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: I have no 23 A Yes. 24 Q Did Mr. Ruddell ask for any? 24 further questions, either. We'll read the

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              MR. O'BRYAN: Yeah.
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               MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: And also 723,
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              MR. O'BRYAN: Well, if you are
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              MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: Okay. I won't
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                        MR. O'BRYAN: All right.
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                        MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: And those will
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                                                                   me in the caption hereto are true; that the foregoing
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                        MR. O'BRYAN: Yes.
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                        MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: I'm sorry.
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                        MR. O'BRYAN: Oh. Let me ask him
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              one more question.
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                        MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: All right.
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    BY MR. O'BRYAN:
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                        MR. O'BRYAN: I have no further
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                        MR. RAYMOND MASSEY: That's all. I
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